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(201) 673-1838**On Our Cover -**LEAH JACKSON, coordinator of the  
Newark Housing Authority's (NHA)  
Family Self-Sufficiency Program.Born and raised in Newark, Ms.  
Jackson returned home after  
receiving her degree in business  
administration/management from  
Clark Atlanta University because she  
wanted to help people in need and  
serve her community.**FALLING LEAVES**

**MR. WILLIAM SANTOS**, the elder brother of Peter Santos, who works for Newark Housing Authority and was raised on North Fifth Street in Newark, NJ... **MR. EDDIE HARRIS**, 62 year-old tenor saxophonist and arranger passed away in Los Angeles and will be buried in Chicago his home town... **MR. BILL DOGGET**, organist and composer who was eighty years old, and was famous for the record "Honky Tonk" Part I and Part II. He played with the famous, and will be buried in Philadelphia his home... **MR. ROBERT PRESTON** of Newark, NJ was a World War II army veteran and a retired inspector for the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission... **MR. GRACHAN**, brother of Moncur former first bass player for years with the **Savoy Sultans** formerly of Newark; buried in Florida. Ella Moncur and Young Grachan Moncur II and III... **MS. YOLANDA MAJORS (PRINCESS MARGO)**, former interpretive dancer who performed all over the country listed in the book "Swing City," by Barbara Kukla... **MR. PAUL KREBS**, formerly union representative, and was a Congressman from 1965-1996 and candidate for U.S. Senate. Always supported the working class... **MR. DEAN RUSSELL JONES**, beloved husband of Sharon and a devoted father, worked at Newark Housing Authority as a graphic arts specialist... **MRS. EDNA R. THOMAS**, the community's social activist for over twenty five years. She created Soul-O-House a city drug treatment program. She will be missed... **MRS. CONSTANCE PITTS SPEED**, was a gospel and jazz artist of the finest. She promoted, directed, and wrote much of her own music for others. She was a close friend of Doris Dukes... **MR. ALBERT FOSTER**, of Newark was a staff member of Newark Housing Authority for 33 years and retired four years ago. He was a member of the Softball and Umpires Association and co-founded the North Jersey Football League. He leaves a wife, three daughters and two sons... **MR. WALTER PRIESTER**, worked at United Airlines (Newark and Kennedy Airports).

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Billions of American dollars are doled out each year to failing corporations and industries here at home and to foreign nations in poverty. America has a failure and poverty problem within its own boundaries in the inner cities. The present administrations call for less government should apply to corporations as well as to private citizens.

In retrospect perhaps we should thank Messrs. Gingrich and Gramm for their clarion "wake-up" to black America. As sleeping giants we have arisen from our slumber and will take charge of our destiny.

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6. I regard my race as a family and other races as an extension of the family. I will not engage in acts which reflect negatively on my people.
7. I will judge people by their deeds and content of their character and not their race, creed or color.
8. I will challenge the media and other situations which portray acts, music and entertainment which are sensual and degrading to my race and do not meet the high moral standards to which I aspire, for I am being substance and purpose.
9. I will always be faithful and loyal to my family and community.
10. I will maintain a work ethic, always being industrious and trying to achieve, accepting help only when necessary.
11. In the tradition of my faith-culture, I will always give high respect to the elderly, brotherhood and sisterhood, children are to be cared for and loved.
12. I will maintain my integrity and personhood at all times, though I may be devoid of material goods because of circumstances beyond my control.
13. I will always exercise my constitutional right to vote and diligently carry out this duty as an American citizen. I will not accept second class citizenship.
14. I am proud of my blackness and my African-Americanity.





RE: Council Member-At-Large Wayne Smith requests that the Mayor spend more time solving problems by collaborating with the Municipal Council rather than by casting blame unfairly.

Council member-At-Large Wayne Smith called on Mayor Bost to end the blame game and get on with the task of solving our fiscal crisis by shrinking the size of local government and by not increasing local taxes for our already overburdened homeowners and commercial property owners. One step in the process is providing accurate information about our current fiscal situation.

The Mayor knows or should know that the tax levy was required to be set for the 3rd and 4th quarter by May 14, 1996 in order for the tax bills to have been sent to residents on a timely basis. The Mayor did not present her proposal for the tax levy

until August 13, 1996, three months late. The Council took ten days to deliberate.

The result of the ten day deliberation by the Council was a reduction in interest charges to residents. The Council set the tax levy at 95% as opposed to 110% that the Mayor advocated.

In the October 18, 1996 *Star Ledger* article, Mr. Elvis Gooden indicated that the Mayor would create a higher tax bill for the next tax period. I respectfully disagree with a higher tax bill. If the Mayor and the administration spent time reducing township expenditures such as to eliminate town cars, unnecessary travel expenses, reduce health insurance costs and prioritize services as to what we can afford to do, we can mitigate any tax increase. Again, unless the Mayor has already decided she wants a tax increase, Mr. Gooden

doesn't have the authority to determine the tax rate. Instead, I believe he should be looking at reducing the costs of township government. The flip side of this argument is that the State of New Jersey has, by law, total authority of our fiscal affairs. Mayor Bost indicated she asked the State to come in and manage the township fiscal affairs as well as do a management

review. The State of New Jersey will defer our tax levy and I am encouraging them not to increase taxes. I will ask our state Assemblymen and State senator as well as Governor Whitman to intervene to stop a property tax increase.

Does this mean the Mayor and our well paid Directors could not solve the deficit spending? In 1994, Mayor Bost promised to bring corporate practices to local government. Well, in business and industry, when staff cannot solve problems, they are demoted or let go. According to the star Ledger accounts, Mayor Bost stated that the employees responsible for the \$5.5 million in unpaid bills would not be punished because the practice existed in the past. This would not be the case in the private sector.

On October 28, 1996, Beth gates, Director of the Division of Local Government Services and the Finance Board will meet with the Council. I will encourage her not to increase property taxes.

I am appealing to the Mayor to stop "press release" government and have frank and honest dialogue with the Council. To this end, I am sponsoring an ordinance that will require that the Mayor and Council meet together once a month. This ordinance goes beyond Mayor Bost, but will require the Council and Mayor, not on whim or political expediency, to offer enough caring to restore fiscal integrity, prioritize business development via our Urban Enterprise Zone and to improve the quality of issues such as crime and to lobby the Federal State and County government for Irvington's share of resources.

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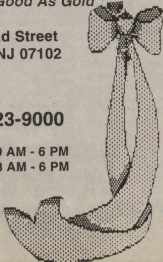
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Mike Rodriguez

What happened during the recent national election in the Hispanic and African American communities? The answer lies in an effort of unity among two ethnic groups which are the largest growing in the State of New Jersey and nationwide. These groups decide to contribute to making a difference by casting their votes to the candidates who committed themselves to make a hang in the best of interest to these communities, and the triumph is promising.

In prior elections it has been noted that Hispanic and African American votes are extremely essential in order to elect any candidate at the local, county or state levels.

In the congressional districts where we have the groups previously mentioned or better said in District-B the candidates were reelected for another term by a vast majority, this demonstrates satisfaction among the voters. With the performance of the Congressman Donald Payne and Congressman Robert Melendez. The voters expect to achieve the same efforts, motivation, dedication during this term of reelection for a continuous struggle.

We must remember that the 20th century is around the corner and we must prepare future generations to continue to work together.

There is strength in unity and united we shall stand in order to succeed.

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## QUE PASA

By Columna de Miguel E. (Mike) Rodriguez

QUE PASO EL MES PASADO EN LAS ELECCIONES NACIONALES EN LAS COMUNIDADES LATINAS Y AFROAMERICANAS? LA CONTESTACION ES LA SIGUIENTE: CUANO ESTOS DOS GRUPOS, QUE SON LOS DE MAYOR CRECIMIENTO EN EL ESTDO DE NEW JERSEY Y EN LA NACION ENTERA, DESEAN TRABAJAR Y SALIR A VOTAR POR LOS CANDIDATOS QUE SE COMPROMETEN A AYUDAR A MEJORAR LAS CONDICIONES DE VIDA DE ESAS DOS COMUNIDADES, EL TRIUNFO ES SEGURO. EN EL PASADO SE HA DEMOSTRADO QUE EL VOTO DE LOS LATINOS Y AFROAMERICANOS ES DECISIVO PARA ELEGIR A CULQUIER POLITICO A NIVEL LOCAL, DE CONDADO O ESTATAL.

EN LOS DOS DISTRITOS CONGREGACIONALES DONDE TENEMOS UN REPRESENTANTE POR CADA UNO DE LOS GRUPOS ANTES MENCIONADOS, O SEA EL DISTRITO 10 Y 13, LOS CANDIDATOS FUERON ELECTOS POR OTRO TERMINO POR UNA AMPLIA MAYORIA. ESO DEMOSTRO QUE LOS ELECTORES ESTAN SUMAMENTE SATISFECHOS CON EL TRABAJO QUE VIENEN REALIZANDO EL CONGREGISTA

DONALD PAYNE Y ROBERT MELENDEZ. LOS ELECTORES ESPERAN QUE ELLOS ENS U RE-ELECCION CONTINUEN TRABAJANDO CON LA MISMA MOTIVACION. A LA VEZ PUEDEN PRESENTAR PROYECTOS DE LEYES QUE MEJOREN LAS CONDICIONES DE VIDA DE SUS DISTRITOS. HAY QUE RECORDAR QUE EL SIGLO 21 ESTA A LA VUELTA DE LA ESQUINA Y TENEMOS QUE PREPARAR A LA NUEVA GENERACION PARA CONTINUAR TRABAJANDO UNIDOS. EN LA UNION ESTA LA FUERZA Y UNIDOS VENCEREMOS.

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Why are all the ladies crowding around Michael Anukam, is he a prince from the continent of Africa?? Nakia a smooth one talking with Helton (Billy D.) Davis, and he's all smiles... Don't forget to send your Holiday greeting's to the shut-ins in your neighborhood... Haven't seen Irene Queen Robinson in quite some time boy! she was a looker and a smart cookie... The Brothers of 66 Thanskiving Eve party at Marlo's was great with many a fine chick - smiles... Joey Fernandez who is still in the Police Academy received a salutation for catching a car thief... Janice Newman Esq. is still a participant in big name TV shows about family life... LaForest Jenkins is a independent representative of Excel Telecommunication... Cafe Carol the new Bridge Club is at James Street and University Avenue in Newark. Cafe Carol is where they had the celebration of Friendship for Bill Clester, December 4th until...Pocono Mountains- Lady CiCi and Don the drummer play here weekends. Lady CiCi has a very pleasant voice between a Billie Holiday and a Sarah Vaughn on the way up!... Newark's Jazz Festival, the last three days was a gas (meaning great); many young people think jazz was a listening or watching affair. Jazz by the master was an exhibitionist treat for dancers, only. When big bands played, thousands of people took to the dance floor with the Bunny Hug, Two Step, Shimmy, Lindy Hop and Slow Drag. Jam treats Pancho Sanchez and Mony Santamaria were for dancers only, Ray Barretto that night was for listening.

Eartha Kitt p.m. Saturday with Will Downing was a success story. Sunday from three p.m. Was the greatest, it was all the Key Club style because I could never remember Sparky J's playing Jack Mc Duff or George

# SOCIAL CALENDAR

**JAZZ SHOW** at the Robert Treat Travelodge every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. until

**JAN. 15TH** - Fifth Annual National Fashion and Industry Party at Marriott Hotel Newark Airport, sponsored by New Day Associates Inc., 9:00 pm until? See all the top designs.

Benson. Folks seen: one of the Bey Sisters, Ebony Mghee, Debra with East Orange Councilwomen Carol Clark, Mr. Scott, Leo Johnson and his wife, Barbara Kukla, Dorathon Kirk, Charles Jefferson, Skeets Johnson, Arrenne Raines and Rhoda Scott who flew in from Paris... What a nite and then off to the Peppermint Lounge where Jack McDuff, Rhoda Scott and George Benson sat in for the group who followed them - like old times, smiles... Carrie Smith, should of been carried on the weekends because she was great... Chaka Khan's appearance for the National Black United Fund was a smash hit! At the Beacon Theater in New York. We were glad it was successful for more than one reason - smiles... Linda Johnson, Margaret Stewarts, Jasmine Robinson, Marion and Goldie were just some of the fine looking dap ladies on the set... Best Dressed Males: Mark Crumpton of Bloomberg Financial Market News, Owen Wilkerson, P.R. Executive and Jerry Owen, Union Representative.

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Robert (Bobby) Alves was TV funny man Milton Berle's personal valet - traveling all over the world... Melba Moore was a teacher at one of Newark's high schools... John T. Barnes was the president of the Irvine Turner Civic Association and folks loved him, because he was so honest... Janet Beatles Fifth Avenue Fashion Show was the talk of the town... Abe Tillman was one of Newark's top boxers, who became a top whiskey salesman... Sandy King Robinson was the star reporter for the *Newark Star Ledger*... Hassan Karriem introduced the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and Islam to Newark, NJ... Larrie West Stalks was the Health & welfare Director that covered sanitation and two or three other departments... John Harvard, there were two to them from Elizabeth, NJ, one a school teacher, and the other one we speak of is a piano player... Mary Baskerville's dimples were the talk of every male during the 'tweeds men' period. Tweeds Men, one of Essex County's popular men's club... Thomas' Chrysler car dealership owned by a minority on Broad Street, Newark, NJ near East Kinney Street...



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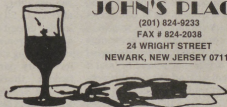
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..... Give up? Well, check out the TV show "Family Matters", she plays Steve's girlfriend, Myrna.





# THE SHADOW KNOW....



Well readers, another year is here – and as we face 1997, the previous year (1996) saw a lot of you messing up... like, Shekera on So. 11 St. in Newark she went to University Hospital's emergency room three items during the year to get patched up behind the 'no count' man that beats on her like she was Mike Tyson's sparring partner – she should wise up before she has to visit 'Perry's' emergency room... The Shadow was in Paterson last week on M.L.K Street and saw some young ladies who were out on the corner, enjoying the evening and they were very friendly; they waved at every driver that passed by; and if one of them stopped, they went over to the car and held a quick conversation with the driver; I thought that was very friendly, I guess they were telling them about all of the historic places that they can visit while they're in town... While I have it on my mind, there's a young man in Irvington, on Myrtle Ave. who thinks help!perfume, he thinks he's all that! He has a nice ride wears nice clothes and keeps some decent money in his pocket, and is a hard working young man, the only problem is, he works the night shift on Hawthorne Ave. in Newark on the corner, of So. 11th St. He deals more stuff than a dealer at a dice table in Atlantic City – unless he slows down, he will be paying "soap on a rope" at Rahway's correctional center with some of his fellow dealers ... just a reminder to the young brothers out

there who think the streets are like the wild west movies they see, and are doing drive bys and using their guns to get attention – the death penalty is on and it won't be long before you will have to pay the piper'. And when they give you that last shot on your arm, it will be the highest you will ever get and we will say "so long, see ya" ... And to those of you who might get lucky and escape the death penalty, lets say you get thirty years with no parole, after about 20 years, the family stops coming to visit and you get no mail for five or six years... the man might just start looking at that firm body of yours for "body parts" for the rich and famous... think about it... yo!...

The Shadow cannot understand why three or four brothers will go into the P.R. store and proceed to buy two or three lucies (cigarettes) at a quarter apiece, when they can put their money together and by a pack, then if they want to they can stand outside and sell the rest of them, make a profit and smoke free... Saw a brother the other day with two (count 'em) two fine chicks hanging on his arm, and he was as proud as a peacock. They were doing the stroll on Lyons Ave. near Bergen St. in Newark. I hope he didn't get intimate with one of them, cause The Shadow saw her last week on William St. coming out of the health building with a worried look on her face – I hope he doesn't get anything he didn't bargain for, cause it's out there and you know that... Somewhere on the block

of So. Munn Ave in East Orange, there is a young lady who thinks minding other people business is what she was put on earth for, she had to bad mouth everybody and put their business in the street each and every day. But I hear from reliable sources that she has spoke on the wrong person and soon she will be wearing three shoes cause one will be up her behind... The Shadow is very disturbed over the many babies that are being thrown away these days by mothers that just don't seem to care, they find babies in dumpsters, paper bags, trash cans, incinerators, towels, left on door steps, and even Toys R Us. They are really throwing the baby out with the bath water these days, and just because we have disposable diapers now, doesn't mean we have to have disposable babies – ladies, if you don't want the child, just call the cops or an agency, don't throw it away...

Hey, Mr. Big Shot, on Main Street in Orange, who do you think you are? Mr. Big Shot you may be all right for now, but you ain't gonna get too far – those same people you are beating up on now are going to turn on you some day and, boy will you fall down, hard and fast. And ain't nobody gonna be around to pick up the pieces...

Well, so long 1996, and hello 1997, and to those sisters who don't have a man now, all I can say is "if you think you're lonely now, wait until next year, dear, cause the brothers are getting less and less each day, remember the young brothers are an endangered species – see ya!

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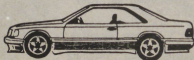
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